

“Tonight, President Obama made the case for boldness and bipartisanship to overcome our extraordinary economic challenges. We must – and will – work together as Americans to repair and rebuild our economic system. To do so we must reestablish the trust and confidence in our financial markets that has been so severely compromised. Central to that process is requiring new levels of accountability and transparency in finance, health care, energy, education and national security. We are Americans, and we will reach new heights of security, prosperity and innovation if we stand together in this difficult time. Our children and our parents are counting on us to undertake the hard work, and make the tough choices, necessary to protect their future. Just as Americans came together to prevail in the Great Depression, defeat the forces of fascism, communism and terrorism, so too can we again lead the world to unprecedented advances in science, industry, agriculture and education – if we chose now to create a society that is again fair, honest and accountable.”

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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